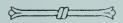




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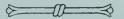
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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I herewith submit my Annual Report for the year 1966, in accordance with Circular 1/67 of the Ministry of Health.

Decrease in the population of Maryport has taken place at the

same minimal level as in previous years since 1961.

As expected, unemployment figures have more than doubled in 1966 compared with 1965. This is partly due to the closure of Risehow and St. Helens collieries, but the figures have also taken the same downward trend as those of the country generally.

I am happy to report that the infantile mortality rate has once more fallen in 1966, being 4.72 per 1,000 births as compared with 14.29 in 1965. This is the lowest rate recorded during the past 10

years.

The perinatal mortality rate for the year is the lowest since

the Registrar General introduced this rate in 1958.

The housing situation has not eased during the past year. The number of houses completed by the Council dropped considerably during the year, mainly due to difficulty in obtaining satisfactory building sites. There was a slight increase in the number of houses built by private enterprise, but this increase was not to any great extent. These houses have had little effect in relieving the pressure of the number of families occupying dwellings detrimental to health.

Welfare of the disabled is an aspect of the health services which has come very much to the fore during the past few years. An extension to a council house of a downstair's bedroom and bathroom, granted and carefully planned by the Council, has proved a great benefit to a severely disabled young adult whose only means of motivation is a wheelchair. A garage built onto his council house for a disabled man who drives an invalid car is another such amenity granted by the Council which has helped to lighten the burden of a serious handicap.

We look forward to the completion of flatlets which are being built by the Council for old people who are no longer able to cope for themselves in their own homes and who require a certain amount of supervision which will be given them by a Warden.

These flatlets should be ready about the end of 1967.

I should like to express my thanks to the members of the Council for their support, to Mr. Thompson, the Senior Public Health Inspector, and Mr. Logan, the additional Public Health Inspector, for their co-operation and to my colleagues in the County Health Department, general practice and the hospital services for their help during the year.

I am, Gentlemen, Your obedient servant,

Enid M. O. Campbell,

Medical Officer of Health.

#### STAFF OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medical Officer of Health, Enid M. O. Campbell, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.T.M. and H.

Senior Public Health Inspector, S. Thompson.

Certificates held:—

- I Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors' Joint Board.
- 2 Royal Sanitary Institute as Inspector of Meats and other Foods.
- 3 Royal Sanitary Institute in Sanitary Science as applied to Buildings and Public Works.
- 4 Lancashire and Cheshire Institutes: Senior Grouped Course Certificate in Building.

Additional Public Health Inspector, D. Logan.

Certificates held:—

Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Board.

#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF AREA

Area (in acres)—3,200.					
Registrar-General's estimate of po-	pulation	n (mid 1	966)	12,	150
Number of inhabited houses accord	ding to	Rate Bo	ook	4,	142
Rateable Value	• • •			£287,	218
Sum represented by Penny Rate			£1,196	14	10
Actual Product of Penny Rate			£1,113	18	1

#### UNEMPLOYMENT

Total	number	of	persons	unemployed		565 (445	M.	120 F.)
Total	number	of	persons	unemployed	in	1965		201

#### RAINFALL

Month					Rain	fall in inch	es
January						1.85	
February				• • •	• • •	4.27	
March			• • •			2.81	
April						2.29	
May						4.54	
June						3.03	
July						0.92	
August						4.41	
September	• • •					5.52	
October				• • •	• • •	3.14	
November						3.10	
December		• • •				4.12	
Total	• • •		• • •	• • •		40.00	

These records are kindly supplied by W. M. Tinkler, Esq., Workington Iron and Steel Company. They are taken in Workington but are considered to be records most nearly approximating Maryport's rainfall.

### VITAL STATISTICS

#### Mothers and Infants

#### LIVE BIRTHS

Illegitimate Births (per cent of total live births) 3.8	
COMPARISON OF BIRTH RATES	
Cumberland 16.3	
Rural Districts of Cumberland 16.0	
Urban Districts of Cumberland 16.8	
England and Wales 17.7	
Maryport 17.45	
INFANT DEATHS  (Deaths under one year) 1	
This death occurred in a male infant. Cause of death visepticaemia.	vas
INFANT MORTALITY RATES	
Total infant deaths per 1,000 live births 4	1.72
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births 4	.92
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births 0	)
Neonatal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) 4	1.72
Early Neonatal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) 0	)
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths under one week per 1,000)	
·	3.9
Maternal Mortality (including abortion).  Number of deaths 0	)
Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths 0	

# INFANTILE MORTALITY AND STILLBIRTH RATES IN MARYPORT DURING PAST 10 YEARS

Year	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	195
Infantile Mortality Rate	4.72	14.29	16.33	25.25	44.33	24.15	19.70	13.16	48.67	29.5
Perinatal Mortality Rate	13.91	27.91	39.68	39.41	48.70	33.02	43.06	48.25	17.69	25.3
Early Neonatal Montality Rate	0	4.76	12.24	15.15	39.41	9.66	14.78	8.77	17.69	12.6
Neonatal Mortality Rate	4.72	9.52	12.24	20.20	39.41	14.49	14.78	8.77	22.12	16.8
Still- Birth Rate	13.95	23.26	27.78	24.63	9.78	23.58	23.87	37.97	0	12.5

#### **DEATHS**

Total Deaths	 		 • • •	169
Crude Death Rate	 			
Adjusted Death Rate	 • • •	• • •	 	15.86

#### SENILE DEATHS

			le Deaths th Rate		• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	117 70.48
Age	group	in	years	65-70 19	70-75	75-80 27	80-85	85-90	90-95

Roughly two thirds of the deaths occurring in Maryport during the year were in persons over the age of 65 years.

#### COMPARISON OF DEATH RATES

Cumberland	• • •	 • • •	12.3
Rural Districts of Cumberland		 	12.3
Urban Districts of Cumberland		 	12.2
England and Wales		 	11.7
Maryport		 	13.9

## CAUSES OF DEATH IN MARYPORT ACCORDING TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S CLASSIFICATION

A	.11	Causes		M. 91	F. 79
Tuberculosis Respiratory				0	0
Tuberculosis Other	•	• • •	• • •	0	0
Syphilitic Disease		• • •		0	0
Diphtheria	•	• • •		0	0
Whooping Cough	•	• • •		0	0
Meningococcal Infections	,	• • •		0	0
Acute Poliomyelitis	•	• • •	• • •	0	0
Measles	,	• • •		0	0
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	•	• • •	• • •	1	0
Malignant Neoplasm of the Stomach	,	• • •		2	2
Malignant Neoplasm of Lung, Bronchi	18	• • •	• • •	8	1
Malignant Neoplasm of Breast		• • •	• • •	0	3
Malignant Neoplasm of Uterus	,			0	2
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neor	ola	isms	• • •	9	7
Leukaemia		• • •	• • •	0	2
Diabetes		• • •		0	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System		• • •	• • •	16	17
Coronary Disease, Angina				22	12
Hypertension with Heart Disease		• • •	• • •	1	1
Other Heart Disease		• • •		7	10
Other Circulatory Disease				6	7
Influenza				0	1
Pneumonia		• • •		3	1
Bronchitis				6	2
Other Disease of Respiratory System				1	0
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum		• • •		2	0
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea				0	0
Nephritis and Nephrosis		• • •		0	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate				1	0
Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion				0	0
Congenital Malformations			• • •	0	1
Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases				2	8
			• • •	2	0
All Other Accidents				U	0
Suicide				0	0
Homicida				_ 0	0
0					

#### SERVICES UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

#### WATER SUPPLY

Total samples taken for bacteriological examina	ation	 86
Number of samples reported satisfactory		 60
Number of samples reported suspicious		 1
Number of samples reported unsatisfactory		 25

The above samples were taken by the Public Health Inspector of water going into the supply after treatment.

The water supply continued to give rise to anxiety. Too many samples proved to be unsatisfactory and suspicious of contamination. This state was eventually counteracted by extra drip feed chlorinators which were installed by the West Cumberland Water Board at both the open and closed Hayborough Reservoirs. Since installation we have had no further trouble with unsatisfactory samples so far.

Water, after being treated at the Goat, Cockermouth, passes through an uncovered reservoir at Belle Vue and is stored in three open reservoirs at Hayborough. I cannot emphasise too strongly the danger of contamination of water stored in open reservoirs, especially in times of heavy rain or very hot, dry weather.

The quantity of water supplied has, on the whole, been fairly satisfactory. There is a point, however, in a housing area in the highest part of Ewanrigg where we have had complaints from time to time of a deficient supply.

We look forward to the time when the West Cumberland Water Board is able to complete the new water supply which they have planned and which will eliminate the open reservoirs and will increase the quantity of water supplied to Maryport.

#### HOUSING

Number of dwellings completed by private enterprise.	•
New dwellings	49
Dwellings by conversion	0
Number of dwellings completed by the Council.	
New dwellings	2.0
Dwellings by conversion	0
Allocations of Improvement Grants under the	Housing
Financial Provisions Act, 1958.	
Standard	9
Discretionary	21
Number of Inspections made under the Public Health A	cts 124
Number of Representations for closing or demolition	20
Closing Orders served	16
Closing Orders determined	1
Demolition Orders made	24
(20 in substitution for Closing Orders).	
Demolition Orders revoked	1

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Scarlet Fever Puerperal Fever Pneumonia	otifica 25 3 3	tions
Measles	47 1 1	
Food Poisoning	0 4 1	
SERVICES UNDER THE NATIONAL HEAL'SERVICES ACT	TH	
LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES	S	
The County Council carries out the following servi County Clinic, Selby Terrace:-		
Child Welfare Clinics, 2nd and 4th Tuesday of ea Dental Clinics — By appointment.	at 2	
Speech Therapy Clinics — By appointment. Chiropody Clinics — By appointment. Immunisation Clinics, 1st Wednesday of each month at	1.20	n m
By arrangement with the County Medical Officer the Practitioners carry out immunisations in the Selby Terra on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m.	e Ger ace C	ieral linic
Cytology Clinics are held by a Health Visitor in the Practitioners' surgery on alternate Mondays from 1-30—and 5-30—6-30 p.m., with a doctor in attendance.		
IMMUNISATIONS CARRIED OUT DURING POLIOMYELITIS		255
Number of persons immunised Number of persons who received 1st booster doses  Number of persons who received 2nd booster doses.	• • •	375 72 46
Number of children immunised  Number of children who received booster doses	• • •	186 494
DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS AND WHOOPING COUGH (Triple Vaccine)		1.40
Number of infants immunised  Number of infants who received booster doses	• • •	142 124
TETANUS  Number of children immunised  Number of children who received booster doses  10	• • •	195 480

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

TUBERCULO Number of		born in	n 1952	-1953	vaccin	ated	 81
SMALLPOX							
Number of	vaccinati	ions					 78

It is gratifying to note that the number of smallpox vaccinations has increased from 23 in 1965 to 78 in 1966. This increase may be partly due to the fact that there were a small number of mild cases of smallpox in the Midlands in the early months of 1966. I hope that the number of vaccinations against this disease will increase steadily and that in future years parents will bring their infants to be vaccinated as a matter of course as the majority of them do at present for immunisation against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough.

## PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS' REPORT AND SUMMARY SHOPS

39 visits of inspection to shops dealing in all classes of goods were paid by the Public Health Inspectors, including visits for the abatement of nuisances, condemnation of unsound food, etc.

#### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The system of drainage and sewerage remains the same.

The Public Health Inspectors made 48 visits to new and existing buildings for the purpose of testing or inspecting drains and sewers.

#### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

As in previous years, much time and effort has been absorbed by the refuse collection and disposal service and it is gratifyng to record that this work has not been in vain. A twice-weekly collection service has been maintained and the refuse tip at Flimby has at all times been free of rats and fires. Covering material was again obtained from the coal washery plant at Risehow Colliery.

I am indebted to the Cleansing Department of the City of Carlisle for their continued help in training our workmen in the

technique of controlled tipping.

A new Council Depot at Grasslot, including a large work room for the baling of waste paper, was completed and a second new refuse collection vehicle went into service during the year.

#### FACTORIES AND WORKPLACES INSPECTIONS Number on Written Register Inspections Notices Prosecutions Premises Factories without (1) Mechanical Power Factories with (2) 36 267 Mechanical Power Other Premises in (3) which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority 6 11 282 48 Total Cases in which defects were found Remedied Prosecutions Found **Particulars**

want of Cleaniness			
Unreasonable Temperature	Marine		
Ineffective Drainage of Floors			
Sanitary Conveniences—			
(a) Insufficient			***************************************
(b) Unsuitable			
(c) Not separate for sexes		***************************************	***************************************
Other offences			
			-
Total	errore en		

## PREMISES AND OCCUPATIONS WHICH CAN BE CONTROLLED BY BYE-LAW OR REGULATIONS

- (a) Offensive Trades—There is no offensive trade carried on in the district.
- (b) Moveable Dwellings and Camping Sites—Land at Risehow, close to the "Slag Bank" on the foreshore, was occupied as a Caravan Site by Gypsies during the early months of the year, as has happened on previous occasions. This recurring problem is normally dealt with by drawing the attenton of the owner of the land to such irregular use and invariably the Gypsies are induced to move on. Circular 26/66 however, from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, suggests that the problem of Gypsies should be tackled first by consultations between the County Council and district Council to assess the problem and secondly by the provision of properly equipped caravan sites where needed under Section 24 of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960. There does seem to be a need for similar action in this area.

(c) Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food, etc.—71 visits of inspection were paid by the Public Health Inspectors in order to ensure the cleanly handling of food as required by the Regulations. Formal action under these Regulations was not found

necessary during the year under review.

#### VERMINOUS HOUSES

No houses were found to be infested with bed-bugs. Two houses (not council houses) were treated for cockroach infestation and insecticide was made available to persons complaining of ants, fleas, etc.

#### PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, the Council is directly responsible for ensuring that its area is kept free from rats and mice, so far as is practicable. No statutory action was taken during the year as the Public Health Inspectors prefer to work with and assist occupiers of infested premises using the techniques and poisons recommended by the Infestation Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

21 visits were made by the Public Health Inspectors for the purpose of investigating complaints of infestation by rats and mice, advising occupiers as to the eradication of the vermin, laying

poisoned baits, and treatment of the Council's sewers.

#### PIGEONS, PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1961, SECTION 74

Action to reduce a considerable pigeon nuisance in Maryport was continued during the year. 182 pigeons were destroyed, chiefly by trapping. Invaluable assistance in this work was given by the County Pests Officer. Because of the high breeding rate and the difficulty of locating or dealing with all nesting and roosting sites the destruction of pigeons in Maryport may well need to be continued indefinitely. 13 visits were made in connection with this work.

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#### MEAT OR OTHER FOODS

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part, 1966

	Cattle			Sheep	
(e	xcludin	g		and	
i de la companya de	Cows)	Cows	Calves	Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	.612	196	1	9869	665
Number inspected	612	196	1	9869	665
All diseases except					
Tuberculosis and Cysticerci					
Whole carcases condemned	0	0	0	4	0
Carcases of which some					
part or organ was con-					
demned	34	27	O	96	0.
Percentage of the number					
inspected affected with					
disease other than Tuber-					
culosis and Cysticerci	5.6	13.8	0	1.0	0
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcases condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases of which some					
part or organ was con-		•			
demned	0	0	0	0	6
Percentage of the number					
inspected affected with					
Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	0.9
Cysticercosis					_
Carcases of which some					
part or organ was con-					
demned	4	0			STATE OF THE PARTY
Carcases submitted for					
treatment by refrigeration	4	0		-	to any or an imp
Generalised and totally					
condemned	0	()			

A Public Health Inspector was in attendance at all times when required for the inspection of meat and the methods and criteria adopted were those recommended in the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963, which came into operation on 1st October, 1963.

Examination for tapeworm cyst (Cysticercus Bovis) revealed the presence of this parasite in 4 beasts. The cysts were found in the head in all cases. The head and heart were condemned and the carcase sent to a cold store for freezing treatment before being released.

The	following sl	aughtering	took place: -		
		Beasts	Sheep	Pigs	Calves
: )	1966:	808	9,869	665	1
	1965:	547	1,676	793	3

There are 11 licensed slaughtermen in the Maryport Urban District.

The amount of food condemned and disposed of as being unfit for human consumption was as follows:—

Beef (including Mutton (including Pork (including Veal (including	ng off offal)	al)			•••	lbs. 4,629 1,090 77
			Total	Meat		5,796
Fish, etc.	• • •	• • •	• • •			lbs. 324
Canned Goods				• • •		544
Other Food						807

With reference to the foregoing figures:—
The 324lbs. of fish were condemned chiefly for decomposition.

The canned goods comprised: Peaches, apricots, pineapples, cooked ham, tomatoes, condensed milk, beans, etc.

All the food material was surrendered voluntarily by the tradesmen concerned. The condemned fish and canned food were disposed of by burial on the Council's refuse tip. The meat condemned at the slaughterhouse was disposed of by the Ministry of Food prior to July, 1954; since that date condemned meat has been sold to a Penrith bone and chemical company.

Bakehouses.—There are 10 bakehouses on the register, all of which may be considered non-domestic. It was not found necessary to take action in respect of conditions at bakehouses during the year.

Other Premises where Food is prepared—71 inspections of premises where food is prepared or sold were made by the Public Health Inspectors. There are 5 premises registered under Section 16 1 (b) of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, 3 for the preparation of preserved food and 2 for the preparation of meat products.

Ice Cream—38 premises are registered for the sale and 5 premises for the manufacture of ice cream.

Laboratory at Carlisle for examination. Of these, one sample was reported on as Grade 1, five as Grade 2, one as Grade 3 and three as Grade 4. With regard to the Grade 4 samples (all from one producer) investigation revealed a heat treatment plant defect which was promptly remedied. Subsequent samples of this ice cream proved satisfactory.

Summary supplied by the Public Health Inspector Medical Officer of Health in pursuance of Article 27 (18) Sanitary Officers' (Outside London) Regulations, 1935.	
NUISANCES:—  Complaints received  Nuisances abated  Nuisances unabated or work in hand  Visits made re. Clean Air Act, 1956	72 58 14 0
INFECTIOUS DISEASES:—  Visits to infectious cases  Patients removed to Isolation Hospital  Houses disinfected	24 0 23
WATER SUPPLIES:— Water samples taken	86
HOUSING:— Number of inspections made under the Housing Acts Number of houses found to be unfit for human	132
habitation Number of houses demolished	20
(a) in pursuance of demolition orders (b) otherwise	45
Number of visits made under the Public Health Acts Representations for closing or demolition	124 20 16
Closing Orders served	1 24
Demolition Orders revoked Housing Administration: Visits	1 46
Condemned Houses: Visits SLAUGHTER-HOUSES AND MEAT, etc., INSPECTION	30 N:
No. of Slaughtermen	11 made
FACTORIES, etc.:—  Visits to the various premises during the year:—	
Factories	282 39
CONTROL OF HOUSE AND TRADE REFUSE:— Visits to the Refuse Tip Daily visits	made
NOTICES SERVED:— Under the Public Health Acts (Informal)	24
Under the Public Health Acts (Statutory)  Under the Housing Acts (Informal)  Under the Housing Acts (Statutory)  S. THOMPSON, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.,	0 20 93
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